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TITLE: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING AND USING A VIRUS
FREE FILE CERTIFICATE INTEGRATED WITHIN A FILE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is herewith filed in conjunction with the filing of a National Stage U.S. Patent Application which claims priority from European Patent Application No. 00480004.1, filed January 6, 2000.

Please amend the European Patent Application as set forth below:

In the Specification

On page 1, before "Technical Field", insert --This application claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of European Application No. 00480004.1, filed January 6, 2000, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.--

In the Claims

In Claim 2, line 1, delete "the preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

In Claim 3, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.